

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

**November 18, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Don Thompson, Ben Babin, Russell Cornette, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, David Hoover, Terry Louque, Jerry Thibeau, Kenneth Wade Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Brass, William “Carey” Jenkins, Willie George Lee, Larry Thomas

NOTE: Vacant Seat (Livingston Parish)

ALSO PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau,  
ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Thompson.
2. Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.
3. Minutes
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thibeau to approve the October 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented.
4. Financial Statement Report:
  - Rouchon presented to the Board the October 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Babin, second by Lee to approve the October 2014 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
5. Report by Executive Director
  - Updated the Board in regard to the recent Task Force Meeting.
  - Discussed resolving issues of mitigation
  - Discussed deterioration from erosion of the section of channel already built in front of the Lilly Bayou.
6. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel
  - On November 3, 2014, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amended CEA was fully executed. All work in progress will be completed including HTRW's. This information is posted on the FTP site by GCR and is accessible by DOTD.
  - ARBC requested that the DOTD ask the Corps to modify the PCA to include a clause regarding ‘work in kind’ as this would allow the use of non-federal resources.
  - Bankston mentioned EBR Parish being interested in borrow and fill material for a dump site.
  - Discussed the need for a “Resolution of No Objection” from the Board to enter into a MOA between Wildlife and Fisheries, Corps, ARBC and EBR in regard to management of Profit Island.
7. Old Business:
  - Borrow and Fill Material Bid Document: No bids were submitted.
  - BKI Contract: In lieu of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Amended CEA, the Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thibeau to withdraw the item from the agenda.
  - Profit Island: Updated the Board on the status of purchasing Profit Island for mitigation.
8. New Business
  - GCR Contract Extension #7: The Board unanimously approved a motion by Thibeau, second by Rouchon to extend the contract of GCR until June 30, 2015, as presented.
  - Chris Knotts, LADOTD, mentioned that the plans and specifications for the proposed highway and railroad bridges at US Hwy 61 will require utilities in the DOTD right of way and on ARBC property to be relocated onto ARBC property. Bankston will prepare a utility relocation permit process for ARBC to adopt in connection with the Comite project.
9. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Cornette, second by Rouchon to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Don Thompson

Don Thompson, ARBC President

Date: December 16, 2014

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/s/ Toni B. Guitrau

Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary